



WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The Year Ahead

THE Annual Fall Board Meeting and Conference of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association was held September 25 to 27 at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena. This meeting, held each year in September, is a combined statewide board meeting of the entire governing board of the Auxiliary and a workshop for the presidents and presidents-elect of the 33 component county auxiliaries. It was gratifying to have 28 of the 33 county presidents on hand and over half of the presidents-elect.

The Conference is set up in panel form covering all of our departments, with suggestions and information for the presidents to take back to their counties for the year's activities.

Mrs. Robert Flanders, president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association, was our guest. She and Dr. Flanders came out from New Hampshire especially for the Conference, and Mrs. Flanders' suggestions and information added greatly to the success of the meeting. Many things pertinent to our part in furthering of the plans of the American Medical Association were discussed and we believe that our program will be greatly strengthened this year.

The National Auxiliary has added safety to its chairmanships and we are discussing whether or not we shall encompass this branch in our departments here in California. We know, of course, that the greatest portion of our fatal accidents occur in the home, and, certainly, helping to decrease loss of life is very close to us, so it is possible that in the years ahead we in California will wish to include safety in our activities. However, for the present we

are making a survey of each of the counties to determine whether or not there is sufficient interest in safety to warrant our incorporating it in our plans.

Nurse recruitment will play a very large part this year, as it always does, in our county projects and we hope to increase our recruitment materially in 1957.

At this particular time we are stressing the necessity of our individual members being active in the coming important election. While we take no part in partisan politics as an organization, as physicians' wives and American women we feel very keenly the responsibility as well as the privilege of having a part in any and all elections. Many of our members are acting as registrars of voters and have done yeoman service in registering physicians and their staffs throughout the state. Many of the women serve on election boards and in many other important capacities.

At Christmas time we will lay considerable emphasis on Physicians' Benevolence, for this seems a golden opportunity to express our appreciation for services rendered by those of our physicians who have become incapacitated or are unable to carry on in their chosen field. We do not hold regular meetings in December as a rule and at the holiday time our thoughts turn to spiritual services, which happily include kindness to our own.

Each of the county presidents has returned to her county with new material, new ideas, and new enthusiasm for her Auxiliary year. We earnestly trust that this enthusiasm may be productive of tangible results to the California Medical Association.

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